# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

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Subsidy to BSNL
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**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) the estimated deficit incurred by BSNL from the rural wireline connection installed before April, 2002;

(b) whether BSNL has sought compensation from the Government for rural landline connection installed before April, 2002;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with approved and granted subsidy to BSNL as compensation for deficit incurred by BSNL in operating rural wireline connections;

(d) whether subsidy amount will be paid from the Universal Service Obligation Fund; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Rs. 9,942 Crore is the estimated deficit incurred by BSNL from the rural wireline connections installed before April, 2002.

(b) Yes Madam. BSNL has sought compensation from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) for rural landline connections installed before April, 2002.

(c) Out of the estimated deficit of Rs. 9942 Crore incurred by BSNL, a sum of Rs. 8,692 Crore has already been paid as subsidy to BSNL from USOF and only Rs. 1,250 Crore remains to be disbursed. The details of subsidy disbursed to BSNL is as under:
i. Rs. 6,000 Crore @ Rs. 2,000 Crore per annum for the period 18.07.2008 to 17.07.2011.
ii. Rs. 1,500 Crore for the period 18.07.2011 to 17.07.2012.
iii. Further Rs. 1,192 Crore for the period 01.04.2002 to 31.01.2004 was also paid as the difference between regulated rental and actual rental.

(d) Yes Madam, the subsidy amount of Rs. 1,250 Crore will be paid from the Universal Service Obligation Fund.

(e) The Cabinet on 21.09.2016 has approved subsidy support of Rs. 1,250 Crore for the period 18.07.2012 to 17.07.2013 to BSNL from Universal Service Obligation Fund as compensation for deficit incurred in operating Rural Wire line connections installed prior to 1st April, 2002. It may be noted that as per the Cabinet approval, no further request from BSNL for financial/subsidy support from Universal Service Obligation Fund on this count shall be considered.